

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

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Property Name: Administration Building (Bldg. 409); NAS Patuxent Inventory Number: ~~Contrib. Res.~~
Address: Administration Building (Bldg. 409); NAS Patuxent Historic district: yes ☒ no
City: Naval Air Station Patuxent River Zip Code: 20670 County: Saint Marys
USGS Quadrangle(s): Solomons Island
Property Owner: US Navy / Naval Air Station Patuxent River Tax Account ID Number: _____
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
Project: _____ Agency: NAVY
Agency Prepared By: The Louis Berger Group, Inc.
Preparer's Name: Richard M. Casella Date Prepared: 5/1/1999
Documentation is presented in: Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties records.
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: X Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: Patuxent River N.A.S.
Inventory Number: SM-357 Eligible: yes Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staf yes no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Administration Building No. 409, constructed in 1943, is a two-story, wood-frame office building with a flat roof. The building is wide (36 window bays) and shallow, with double entrance doors at each end that access the continuous central corridor. Front and back offices open onto the corridor. One- and two-story sections extend off the rear of the building, giving it an irregular plan. The building's exterior is sheathed in Transite panels that have been coated with a sprayed-on stucco. The original two-over-two (horizontal) wood windows remain, protected by later aluminum storm windows. The front entrance is located beside a two-story stair tower that projects from the façade. An asymmetrical set of windows wraps one corner of the tower and combines with the wide overhanging eaves to give the building a modern International style.

As Headquarters for NAS Patuxent River, Administration Building No. 409 was both physically and symbolically the center for the administration of this naval shore establishment in support of its missions and is therefore eligible for the National Register under Criterion A. Administration Building No. 409 is also eligible under Criterion C, as it possesses sufficient integrity of design, materials, and workmanship to adequately represent the major aspects of the wartime Air Station's architectural vocabulary, such as the simplified International style; a flat roof with broad, level eaves; windows in long bands across elevations; and a long, rectilinear ground plan encompassing functionally appointed, double-loaded corridors.

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Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended _____
Criteria: X A B X C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

MHT Comments:

Andrew Lewis
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

B. Kuntz
Reviewer, National Register Program

6/22/05
Date

6/21/05
Date

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See MIHP form for more information.

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Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G

MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, National Register Program

Date

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Administration Building, NAS Patuxent River SM-357

other names/site number Building No. 409

2. Location

street & number _____ not for publication ☐

city or town Naval Air Station Patuxent River vicinity ☒

state Maryland code MD county St. Mary's code 037 zip code 20670

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this _____ nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant _____ nationally _____ statewide _____ locally.

(_____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official _____

Date _____

State or Federal agency and bureau _____

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria.

(_____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

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Signature of commenting or other official

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:

☐ entered in the National Register

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined eligible for the
National Register

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ determined not eligible for the
National Register

☐ removed from the National Register

☐ other (explain):

Signature of Keeper

Date of Action

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

☐ private

☐ public-local

☐ public-State

☒ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

☒ building(s)

☐ district

☐ site

☐ structure

☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing

Noncontributing

1

buildings

sites

structures

objects

1

Total

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Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register: 0

Name of related multiple property listing (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland: Historic and Architectural Resources

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>DEFENSE</u>	Sub: <u>Naval facility</u>
<u></u>	<u></u>
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Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: <u>DEFENSE</u>	Sub: <u>Naval facility</u>
<u></u>	<u></u>
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7. Description

Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions):

Other: 20th-Century military
20th-Century industrial

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	<u>Concrete</u>
roof	<u>Wood, asphalt</u>
walls	<u>Wood frame, asbestos-panel</u>
	<u></u>
other	<u></u>
	<u></u>

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

Applicable National Register Criteria

☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.

☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.

☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.

☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions):

Architecture

Military

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Period of Significance

1943-1945

Significant Dates

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

U.S. Navy, Bureau of Yards and Docks

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS)

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☒ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☒ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, Public Works Office

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than 1 acre

UTM References (Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
1	<u>18</u>	<u>374400</u>	<u>4237280</u>	3	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	4	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
	<u> </u> See continuation sheet.						

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

See Continuation Sheet

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

See Continuation Sheet

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Richard M. Casella

organization The Louis Berger Group, Inc. date May 1999

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city or town East Orange state NJ zip code 07019

Additional Documentation

(Submit the following items with the completed form:)

Continuation Sheets

Maps: A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs: Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items (Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

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Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of the SHPO or FPO.)

name Naval Air Station Patuxent River

street & number _____ telephone _____

city or town Patuxent River state MD zip code 20670

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

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DESCRIPTION

The Administration Building No. 409, constructed in 1943, is a two-story, wood-frame office building with a flat roof. The building is wide (36 window bays) and shallow, with double entrance doors at each end that access the continuous central corridor. Front and back offices open onto the corridor. One- and two-story sections extend off the rear of the building, giving it an irregular plan. The building's exterior is sheathed in Transite panels that have been coated with a sprayed-on stucco. The original two-over-two (horizontal) wood windows remain, protected by later aluminum storm windows. The front entrance is located beside a two-story stair tower that projects from the facade. An asymmetrical set of windows wraps one corner of the tower and combines with the wide overhanging eaves to give the building a modern International style.

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SIGNIFICANCE SUMMARY

Evaluation of the Administration Building No. 409 for National Register eligibility is based upon criteria outlined in the National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form *Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, Historic and Architectural Resources* under the property type "Station Operational Support Facilities." The district is significant under the historic context defined in the Multiple Property Documentation study, *Naval Air Station, Patuxent River and Webster Field During World War II, 1941-1945*.

As Headquarters for NAS Patuxent River, Administration Building No. 409 was both physically and symbolically the center for the administration of this naval shore establishment in support of its missions and is therefore eligible for the National Register under Criterion A. Administration Building No. 409 is also eligible under Criterion C, as it possesses sufficient integrity of design, materials, and workmanship to adequately represent the major aspects of the wartime Air Station's architectural vocabulary, such as the simplified International style; a flat roof with broad, level eaves; windows in long bands across elevations; and a long, rectilinear ground plan encompassing functionally appointed, double-loaded corridors.

RESOURCE HISTORY AND HISTORIC CONTEXT

The construction of Administration Building No. 409 began in mid-April 1942, a week or so after the ground breaking for the Air Station on April 4th. It was built under the original construction contract for the base (NOY-5363) to serve as headquarters and was among the first buildings to be completed and turned over to the Navy in February 1943. The original drawings indicate that the design of the building was based on a Navy standardized plan for an administration building. The building is of essentially identical design as the NATS administration building (No. 304), which has undergone extensive rehabilitation and is not eligible for the National Register. The general plan and design of Administration Building No. 409 can be found repeated at other Naval bases built during World War II.

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Modern Period

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Military

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Military Facility

Known Design Source: U.S. Navy, Bureau of Yards and Docks

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Louis Berger & Associates, Inc.

1999 *Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, Historic and Architectural Resources*. National Register of Historic Places Multiple Property Documentation Form (draft final). Prepared for Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland, by Louis Berger & Associates, Inc., East Orange, New Jersey.

NAS Patuxent River Public Works Department

various *Map of Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md., Showing Conditions on . . .* [various dates, 1941-present]. Plans on file, Public Works Department, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland.

various *Facility Record Cards and Building Drawings, Naval Air Station, Patuxent River, Md.* Records and drawings on file, Drawing Vault, Public Works Department, Naval Air Station Patuxent River, Maryland.

Naval Historical Center

1945 *Naval Air Station Patuxent River Command History, 1942-1945*. Prepared October 1945. On file, Office of Naval Aviation History, Naval Historical Center, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.

U.S. Geological Survey

1987 *Solomons Island, MD. 7.5-Minute Series (Topographic) Quadrangle*. U.S. Geological Survey, Reston, Virginia.

GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Verbal Boundary Description

The National Register boundaries for the Administration Building are depicted on the attached figure.

Boundary Justification

These boundaries encompass the entire area within which the Administration Building operated during its period of significance.

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The following items apply to all four photographs:

Property Name: Administration Building No. 409, Naval Air Station Patuxent River

Location: NAS Patuxent River, St. Mary's County, Maryland

Photographer: Richard M. Casella

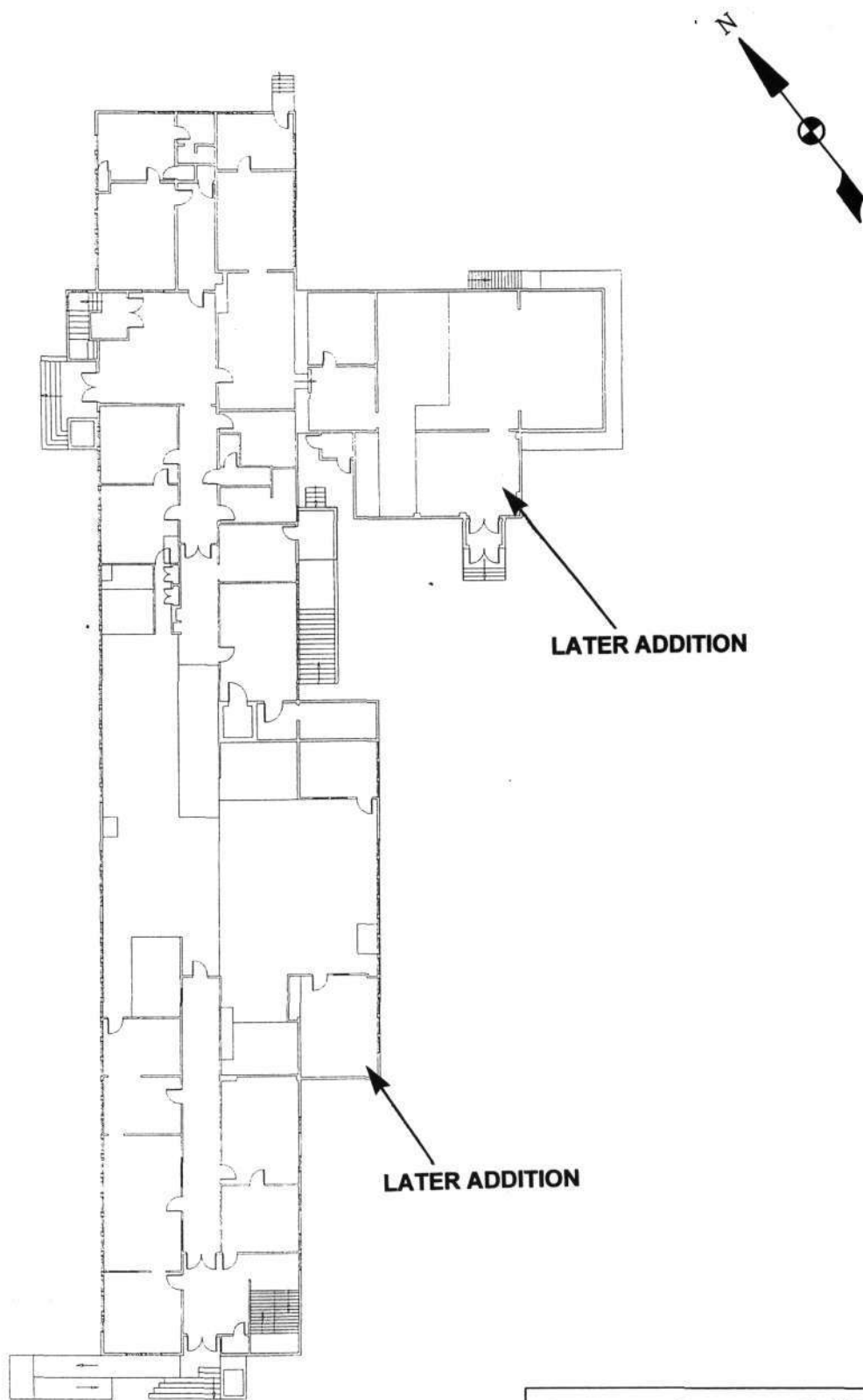
Date of Photograph: 1999

Location of Negatives: NAS Patuxent River, Patuxent River, Maryland 20670

Individual Photograph Identifications:

- 1 Administration Building No. 409, front elevation, looking east
- 2 Administration Building No. 409, rear and west end elevations, looking north
- 3 Administration Building No. 409, east end elevation, looking southwest
- 4 Administration Building No. 409, copy of circa-1965 photograph showing front and west end elevations, looking northeast

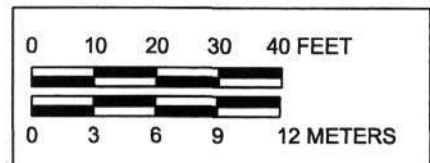
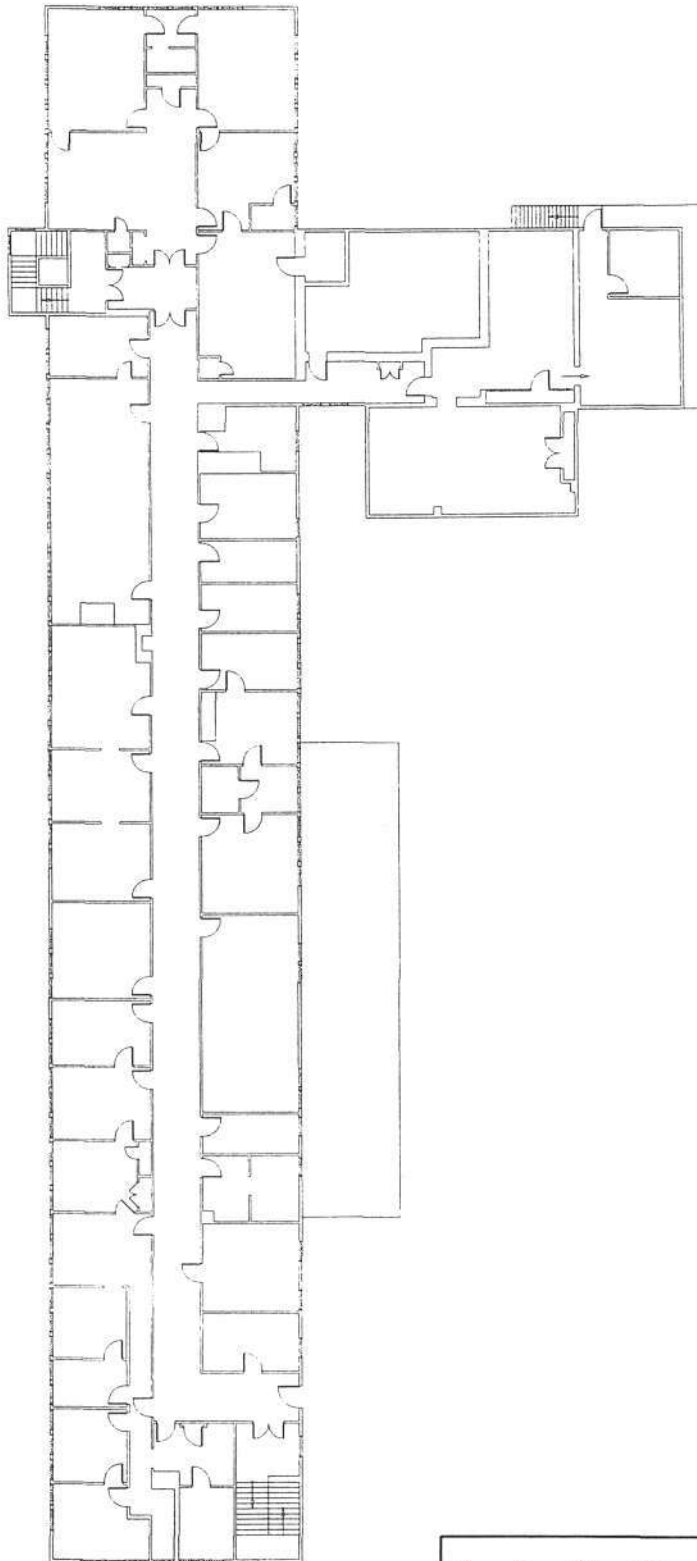
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First Floor Plan of Building No. 409,
Administration Building

SOURCE: NAS Patuxent River Public Works Dept. 1999

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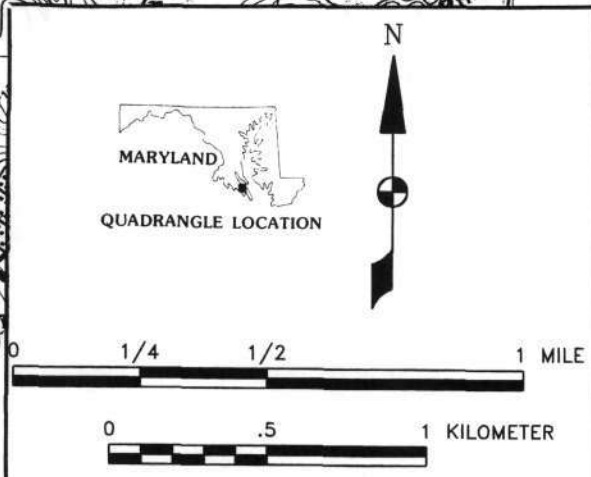


**Second Floor Plan of Building No. 409,
Administration Building**

SOURCE: NAS Patuxent River Public Works Dept. 1998

SOURCE: NAS Patuxent River Public Works Dept. Base Maps 1955

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Location Map for Building No. 409, Administration Building

SOURCE: USGS Quadrangle, Solomons Island, MD 1987



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